

Prospective tenants 'explore space' at NRP open house



Mejghan Haider, chief of the NASA Research Park Division, speaks with a reporter from the Palo Alto Daily News at the first NRP open house held in March.

Steady rain and gray skies did not keep prospective tenants from visiting the sunny halls of two newly refurbished wings in Bldg. 19 in March at NASA Research Park (NRP) Division's first open house event.

"This was our first effort to aggressively market the existing facilities within the NRP. We had a great turnout and have over 30 prospects. We plan to

have another open house and symposium this summer," said Mejghan Haider, division chief, NASA Research Park.

Visitors from numerous small and large companies, non-profits and university research labs toured second floor wings and available first floor space during the four-hour late afternoon event.

"We were wowed by the response,"

said Antoinette Price, NRP account manager and interior expert who created the sunny hallways. "This was a first of its kind. But then, we should not be surprised because this is NASA," she said.



NASA Research Park account managers Antoinette Price (left) and Cyndi Carbon-Norman (second from left) speak with visitors from Lockheed Martin who came to see available lease space in building 19.

The public-private partnerships in the NRP will benefit the Center in two ways, said Haider. The increased potential for collaboration and partnership will strengthen our research programs, and revenue generation will help reduce the G&A burden to the Center, she said. Haider went on to thank all employees who dropped by and encouraged their associates to attend.

NASA Research Park welcomes these new tenants

Inland Northwest Space Alliance (INSA)

-- Univ. of Montana space advocacy non-profit organization.

Fireball

-- Nationally registered provider of incident support services for wild land fires.

Arachi

-- Developer of comprehensive dynamic motion technology providing realistic motion in digital world.

NXAR LLC

-- Software development for knowledge network systems.

Venezia Construction, Inc.

-- SBA/HUB Zone certified on-site construction.



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The celebration cake at the recent NASA Research Park first open house event.

For more information about NASA Research Park visit the Web at <http://www.researchpark.arc.nasa.gov>

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